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# Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending April 2, 2017

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 3.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 2, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 57 percent adequate, and 39 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 36 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 54.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Minden and Shreveport to 66.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City. Highs ranged from 78.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano to 83.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah. The precipitation for the week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the southwest part of the state with an average of 2.71 inches.

| Crop progress for week ending April 2, 2017 |                |                |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Crop  | This week      | Last week      | Last year      | 5-year average |
|   | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Corn, planted                               | 90             | 80             | 45             | 70             |
| Corn, emerged                               | 67             | 31             | 31             | 32             |
| Rice, planted                               | 63             | 42             | 46             | 47             |
| Rice, emerged                               | 36             | 8              | 29             | 12             |
| Sorghum, planted                            | 19             | 3              | 12             | 21             |
| Soybeans, planted                           | 3              | NA             | 0              | 5              |
| Winter Wheat, headed                        | 47             | 35             | 31             | 37             |

NA = Not Available.

| Crop condition for week ending April 2, 2017 |                |                |                |                |                |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Item   | Very poor      | Poor           | Fair           | Good           | Excellent      |
|  | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Corn   | 0              | 1              | 15             | 70             | 14             |
| Livestock                                    | 3              | 9              | 33             | 49             | 6              |
| Pasture                                      | 3              | 9              | 35             | 46             | 7              |
| Sugarcane                                    | 1              | 3              | 33             | 50             | 13             |
| Vegetables                                   | 2              | 8              | 32             | 53             | 5              |
| Winter Wheat                                 | 1              | 11             | 50             | 37             | 1              |

## Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Corn and early planted soybeans have made excellent progress this week thanks to warm weather. The parish received a timely 1-2 inch rain on Wednesday night ceasing fieldwork. More rainfall is expected over the weekend. Farmers will begin to plant soybeans at the next opportunity.”

– Kylie Miller, Concordia Parish

“Two rain events in a five day period have dumped more than six inches of rain and more in isolated areas. These two events have halted any fieldwork. Emerging corn and rice crops need better conditions in the coming days as they struggle in wet conditions. Commercial vegetable growers are struggling to get their crops started. Livestock producers have abundant forage, some winter pastures have been baled into baleage. The crawfish catch continues to be plentiful.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Too much rain this week. Anywhere from 3-5 inches across the parish. Fieldwork and planting has stopped.”

– James “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Lots of progress made early this week in rice planting until rains hit. Had a heavy rain mid-week that halted planting. I estimate rice planting is at or around 80% this week. Stands are coming up without any major issues and will have some permanent floods established very soon. So far, rice stands look good. We expect more heavy rains on Monday which will delay planting again but the rest of the week looks to be great. This will allow more planting mid to late next week. Pastures are still looking very nice. Fertilizers are being put out and pastures are greening up.”

– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

“Weekend rains and high winds slowed field progress. Reports of tornadoes touching down in St. Martin Parish caused some damage to residential areas and the loss of lives. Cooler weather has slowed sugarcane stubble growth and some brown rust is showing up on susceptible varieties. The low chilling hours received this winter is causing sporadic blooming and leaf out on peaches, plums, pears and other temperate fruit crops. Some ryegrass baleage is being put up by cattle producers. Citrus trees have some winter cold injury but are flowering out and setting fruit.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“We had a storm come through the middle of the week with strong winds and a little rain. Some limbs and trees blown down. No major crop injury reported. Corn is looking good and growing fast.”

– Carol Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

| Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending April 2, 2017 |                 |             |             |             |            |               |           |             |             |                |
|---|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Division/Station  | Air Temperature |             |             |             |            | Precipitation |           |             |             |                |
|   | Max             | Min         | Avg         | Norm        | DFN        | One Week      | Rain Days | DFN         | Four Weeks  | Four Weeks DFN |
| <b>Northwest</b>  |                 |             |             |             |            |               |           |             |             |                |
| Minden  | 81.1            | 54.0        | 67.6        | 59.0        | 8.6        | 0.07          | 1         | -1.06       | 1.91        | -2.28          |
| Mooringsport  | 78.9            | 55.6        | 67.2        | 60.3        | 7.0        | 0.34          | 1         | -0.60       | 3.52        | 0.11           |
| Red River   | 80.4            | 59.0        | 69.7        | 60.3        | 9.6        | 0.24          | 1         | -0.48       | 1.30        | -2.24          |
| Shreveport  | 79.9            | 54.0        | 66.9        | 59.8        | 7.1        | 0.39          | 1         | -0.55       | 1.67        | -2.25          |
| Extreme/Average   | 80.1            | 55.6        | 67.9        | 59.8        | 8.1        | 0.26          | 1         | -0.67       | 2.10        | -1.67          |
| <b>North Central</b>                                    |                 |             |             |             |            |               |           |             |             |                |
| Calhoun   | NA              | NA          | NA          | 58.7        | NA         | NA            | NA        | NA          | NA          | NA             |
| Farmerville   | NA              | NA          | NA          | 59.9        | NA         | NA            | NA        | NA          | 0.70        | -1.32          |
| Homer   | 81.0            | 54.6        | 67.8        | 57.6        | 10.2       | 0.04          | 1         | -1.06       | 1.09        | -2.73          |
| Extreme/Average   | 81.0            | 54.6        | 67.8        | 58.8        | 10.2       | 0.04          | 1         | -1.06       | 0.90        | -2.02          |
| <b>Northeast</b>  |                 |             |             |             |            |               |           |             |             |                |
| Lake Providence   | 79.7            | 58.1        | 68.9        | 59.4        | 9.5        | 0.78          | 2         | -0.04       | 4.22        | 2.43           |
| St Joseph   | 81.2            | 61.2        | 71.2        | 61.6        | 9.8        | 1.14          | 2         | 0.32        | 2.31        | -1.48          |
| Tallulah  | 83.6            | 60.6        | 72.1        | 60.8        | 11.3       | 0.87          | 2         | -0.28       | 3.92        | -0.79          |
| Winnsboro   | NA              | NA          | NA          | 61.0        | NA         | NA            | NA        | NA          | 2.01        | -0.55          |
| Extreme/Average   | 81.5            | 60.0        | 70.7        | 60.7        | 10.2       | 0.93          | 2         | 0.00        | 3.11        | -0.10          |
| <b>West Central</b>                                     |                 |             |             |             |            |               |           |             |             |                |
| Ashland   | NA              | NA          | NA          | 60.2        | NA         | NA            | NA        | NA          | NA          | NA             |
| Hodges Gardens  | 82.8            | 61.2        | 72.0        | 62.0        | 10.4       | 2.43          | 2         | 1.82        | 4.35        | 0.44           |
| Leesville   | 82.0            | 57.9        | 69.9        | 61.8        | 8.1        | 0.86          | 1         | -0.17       | 3.86        | -0.27          |
| Natchitoches  | 82.6            | 58.6        | 70.6        | 61.9        | 8.6        | 1.37          | 2         | 0.13        | 4.21        | -0.66          |
| Extreme/Average   | 82.5            | 59.2        | 70.8        | 61.5        | 9.0        | 1.55          | 2         | 0.59        | 4.14        | -0.16          |
| <b>Central</b>  |                 |             |             |             |            |               |           |             |             |                |
| Alexandria  | 80.6            | 59.9        | 70.2        | 62.5        | 7.7        | 0.38          | 2         | -0.80       | 2.75        | -1.93          |
| Bunkie  | 83.1            | 61.3        | 72.2        | 62.9        | 9.4        | 2.00          | 2         | 0.91        | 5.08        | 0.75           |
| Eunice  | NA              | NA          | NA          | 64.4        | NA         | NA            | NA        | NA          | NA          | NA             |
| Jonesville Locks  | 79.0            | 57.0        | 68.0        | 61.4        | 6.1        | 0.00          | 0         | -0.50       | 2.73        | -0.96          |
| New Roads   | 81.2            | 64.5        | 72.9        | 63.3        | 10.0       | 0.91          | 2         | 0.32        | 4.03        | 0.93           |
| Extreme/Average   | 81.0            | 60.7        | 70.8        | 62.9        | 8.3        | 0.82          | 2         | -0.02       | 3.65        | -0.30          |
| <b>East Central</b>                                     |                 |             |             |             |            |               |           |             |             |                |
| Baton Rouge   | NA              | NA          | NA          | NA          | NA         | 1.00          | 2         | -0.04       | 6.78        | 2.66           |
| Hammond   | NA              | NA          | NA          | 62.4        | NA         | NA            | NA        | NA          | NA          | NA             |
| Norwood   | NA              | NA          | NA          | NA          | NA         | 1.10          | 1         | NA          | 4.61        | NA             |
| Slidell   | 79.6            | 63.9        | 71.7        | NA          | NA         | 2.70          | 2         | NA          | 4.02        | NA             |
| Extreme/Average   | 79.6            | 63.9        | 71.7        | 62.4        | NA         | 1.60          | 2         | -0.04       | 5.14        | 2.66           |
| <b>Southwest</b>  |                 |             |             |             |            |               |           |             |             |                |
| Crowley   | 79.8            | 64.4        | 72.1        | 63.8        | 8.5        | 2.21          | 1         | 1.57        | 3.52        | 0.24           |
| DeRidder  | NA              | NA          | NA          | 63.1        | NA         | NA            | NA        | NA          | NA          | NA             |
| Jennings  | 80.1            | 62.9        | 71.5        | 63.6        | 7.9        | 3.51          | 3         | 2.58        | 4.65        | 0.94           |
| Oberlin Fire  | 79.6            | 62.3        | 70.9        | 63.5        | 7.4        | 2.40          | 2         | 1.43        | 3.78        | -0.03          |
| Extreme/Average   | 79.8            | 63.2        | 71.5        | 63.5        | 8.0        | 2.71          | 3         | 1.86        | 3.98        | 0.38           |
| <b>South Central</b>                                    |                 |             |             |             |            |               |           |             |             |                |
| Donaldsonville  | 81.1            | 61.4        | 71.3        | 63.7        | 7.6        | 0.85          | 2         | -0.18       | 3.08        | -0.75          |
| Jeanerette  | 78.6            | 62.6        | 70.6        | 64.4        | 6.4        | 1.35          | 2         | 0.67        | 2.76        | -0.47          |
| Lafayette   | NA              | NA          | NA          | 63.7        | NA         | NA            | NA        | NA          | NA          | NA             |
| Morgan City   | 79.8            | 66.2        | 73.0        | 64.2        | 8.9        | 1.28          | 1         | 0.69        | 2.93        | -0.10          |
| Extreme/Average   | 79.8            | 63.4        | 71.6        | 64.0        | 7.6        | 1.16          | 2         | 0.39        | 2.92        | -0.44          |
| <b>Southeast</b>  |                 |             |             |             |            |               |           |             |             |                |
| Galliano  | 78.3            | 65.6        | 71.9        | 64.9        | 7.1        | 0.87          | 1         | -0.12       | 3.44        | -0.69          |
| Gonzales  | NA              | NA          | NA          | NA          | NA         | 1.17          | 2         | 0.02        | 4.04        | -0.23          |
| Grand Isle  | NA              | NA          | NA          | NA          | NA         | NA            | NA        | NA          | NA          | NA             |
| New Orleans   | NA              | NA          | NA          | NA          | NA         | 0.00          | 0         | NA          | 0.00        | NA             |
| Extreme/Average   | 78.3            | 65.6        | 71.9        | 64.9        | 7.1        | 0.68          | 2         | -0.05       | 2.49        | -0.46          |
| <b>State</b>  | <b>80.3</b>     | <b>60.9</b> | <b>70.6</b> | <b>62.2</b> | <b>7.6</b> | <b>1.13</b>   | <b>2</b>  | <b>0.17</b> | <b>3.18</b> | <b>-0.21</b>   |

DFN = Departure from Normal.  
Normal = Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.  
NA = Not Available.